

This bulletin provides a quick reference to federal, state, and local cost share conservation programs in Wisconsin. While financial assistance to plan and implement forestry practices on private lands is never guaranteed, the federal government does offer some incentive programs.

The programs vary in eligibility requirements and the specific types of practices encouraged. The agency listed as administering the program is the best source for current information on a program. For the landowner who has patience, these programs are often very helpful in getting the technical and financial assistance needed to get started.

The chart that follows briefly outlines the various private forestry landowner assistance programs available to Wisconsin forest landowners

WFLGP WI Forest Landowner Grant Program	CRP Conservation Reserve Program
State Program administered by the WI-DNR Bureau of Forestry	Federal Program administered by USDA FSA and NRCS with DNR technical agencies
Up to 65 % cost-share for the preparation of management plans and the implementation of designated practices	Annual payment program based on bids submitted by the landowner. Cost share of 50 % for cover establishment
Maximum cost shares earned set by State currently \$10,000 per year	Maximum annual payment established for not farming, not for cost shares received
Applications available through county foresters	Applications available through USDA FSA or NRCS http://www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov/
<div>Cost Sharing available for:</div> <div><div>* Plan preparation</div><div>* Tree Planting site preparation planting stock planting direct seeding tree shelters</div><div>* Timber stand improvement crop tree release crop tree pruning thinning site prep for natural regeneration control of competing vegetation</div><div>* Soil & Water Protection critical area seeding diversions road design</div><div>* Fencing</div><div>* Wildlife Practices prairie & savanna restoration vegetation management tree and shrub planting nest boxes & platforms creation of openings wildlife corridors shallow water areas</div><div>* Fisheries practices vegetation management bank stabilization in-stream habitat</div><div>* Buffer establishment tree and shrub planting grass establishment rip rap</div><div>* T& E Species Protection</div><div>* Historic & Aesthetic Enhancement</div></div>	<div>Cost Sharing available for:</div> <div><div>* Plan Preparation</div><div>* Tree Planting site preparation planting stock planting</div><div>* Wildlife Planting site preparation planting stock planting shallow water area development</div><div>* Grass Establishment</div><div>* Erosion Control Structures</div><div>* Field Windbreaks/Shelterbelts</div><div>* Rare & Declining Habitat Protection</div><div>* Field Windbreaks</div><div>* Stream Buffers</div><div>* Wetland Restoration</div></div> <div>Note: The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) may be available in many counties offering permanent easements on retired agricultural land and riparian areas. Check with your local NRCS office for details.</div>

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FLEP Forest Landowner Enhancement Program	WHIP Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program	EQIP Environmental Quality Incentives Program
Federal Program administered by the DNR Forestry and disbursed through WFLGP	Federal Program administered by the NRCS with DNR Fisheries and Wildlife as technical agencies	Federal Program administered by the NRCS with NRCS and DNR Forestry as technical agencies
Applications available through county foresters (WFLGP application)	Applications available through USDA NRCS http://www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov/	Applications available through USDA NRCS http://www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov/
Up to 65% cost share for the preparation of management plans and the implementation of designated practices.	75 % cost share for items proposed in a 5 to 15 year contract	Up to 75 % cost share. (5 or 10 year contracts)
Maximum cost shares earned set by Federal Government currently \$10,000 per year	Maximum cost shares earned set by NRCS	Maximum cost shares set by Federal Government currently \$10,000 annually; and \$450,000 over the life of the Farm Bill.
<p>Cost sharing available for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Tree Planting * Timber stand improvement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> crop tree release crop tree pruning thinning site prep for natural regeneration control of competing vegetation * Water Quality Improvement & Watershed Protection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> critical area seeding diversions road design buffer establishment * Forest Health and Improvement * Exclusion Fencing * Fish & Wildlife Habitat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> habitat creation and enhancement nest boxes & platforms creation of openings wildlife corridors shallow water areas in-stream habitat * Wildfire & Catastrophic Event Risk Reduction * Restoration From Wildfire & Catastrophic Events * Invasive Forest Species Control 	<p>Cost sharing available based on project priority ranking for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Wildlife planting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> site preparation planting stock/seed planting * Grass Establishment * Fencing * Prescribed Burning * Wildlife Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> nesting habitat vegetation management tree and shrub planting wildlife corridors * Fisheries Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> vegetation management bank stabilization in-stream habitat * Wetland Restoration * Natural Regeneration for Oak 	<p>Cost sharing available for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Tree Planting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> site preparation planting stock planting * Forest Stand Improvement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> invasive species control crop tree release site prep for natural regeneration thinning * Forest Tree & Shrub Pruning * Forest Trails & Landings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> road design & layout diversions & culverts * Fish and Wildlife Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> fisheries improvement prescribed burning upland wildlife habitat brush management * Erosion Control (ag. land) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> diversions, waterways, windbreaks contour strips * Agricultural Waste Management * Stream Buffers <p>Note: Local work groups determines practices available</p>

Note: The above table is to provide a brief comparison of the programs and is not intended to be a complete list of rules and practices

available for each program. The practices listed above must be recommended and approved by the agencies listed.

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